

I am opposed to allowing the use of cell phones on aircraft. The security issue is not well founded and implies the cockpit door enhancement and "always-on" transponder are not sufficient. Further, the need for someone to call regarding a security issue also undermines the Transportation Security Administration screening and the Federal Air Marshall program. Are they not working?

Finally, the use of cell phone by passengers is an infringement on my rights. If I am standing on the street and someone wants to use a phone, I can walk away. The same is not true onboard and aircraft. My ability to rest, read, sleep or otherwise conduct quite business is not possible with cell phone usage. Similar to smokers of years past, their right to smoke did not surpass my right to not be subjected to this inconvenience. The same is true of cell phone, this may not be a health issue from a medical standpoint, but it is from a stress standpoint.

Another consideration is that some airlines may decide to have "cell phone" seating sections. If they want to offer this at a premium cost, fine. If the onboard pico cell is mandated make its range short enough that those of us who do not want this infringement that cell phone user will have to be limited to a small section of the airplane.